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## ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD

### NORTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the First Things First North Phoenix Regional Partnership Council; Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at the Washington Elementary School Board Room; 4650 West Sweetwater, Glendale, Arizona 85304.

Chair Bill Adams called the regular meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. A brief welcome and introduction of guests in attendance took place.

**Council Members in Attendance:** Bill Adams, Chair; Connie Robinson, Member; Elaine Ellis, Member; James Emch, Member; Jenna Goad, Member; Karyn Parker, Member; Mindy Zapata, Member; Willette Watts, Member.

**Council Members Not in Attendance:** Sally Downing, Vice Chair; Gina Montes, Member.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Cynthia Gattorna from Stepping Stone Foundation introduced herself and thanked the Council and staff for their continued support for children. Ms. Gattorna also expressed her willingness to collaborate with other programs within the North Phoenix Region.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Member James Emch moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2009, second by Member Willette Watts, all in favor, no discussion, motion carried.

**FUNDING PLAN DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Regional Coordinator Brenda Tomlin updated the Council on the 2011 Funding Plan that will be presented to the State Board at their December 8, 2009 meeting. Brenda advised that the Funding Plan is a 50 page document and went through each of the strategies. Brenda also presented the Council an overview of the 2010 Funding Plan as well as updates on the current grantees.

**NEEDS AND ASSETS:** The meeting that was scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, 2009 will need to be re-scheduled. There is not enough information to move forward on this item.

**FAMILY SUPPORT STRATEGY DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** At the last meeting on October 13, 2009, the Council set aside \$500,000 for a "supplemental family support strategy." This strategy is placed on hold for presentation to the State Board until there is more information regarding intent and impact. This strategy will remain as a place holder.

**COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT/TRAINING NEEDS:** There is funding currently available in the current Fiscal Year to support Council Development. The Council discussed going out into the community to visit vendor sites to get a better sense of what the community needs. The Council also discussed collaboration with other Councils, and a focus group on training.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:** December 8, 2009 in the Washington Elementary School District Governing Board Room; 4650 West Sweetwater, Glendale, Arizona 85304.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Member Connie Robinson moved to adjourn the regular meeting, second by Member Jenna Goad, all in favor, no discussion; meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Briggetta G. Hawks*

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Administrative Assistant

Council Approval:

*Bill Adams*

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Chair